

while I might sometimes deviate from his text, he should just keep right on doing what he does.

Matt says he plans to travel, look for opportunities to write, and again take up playing chess, which he learned at the age of four from his father, Al, who was one of America's leading players in the mid-20th century.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH CROWLEY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 31, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to honor and recognize the accomplishments of a dear friend, a dedicated public servant, and an overall wonderful human being, my colleague Congressman JOE CROWLEY. This year, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the Bronx is honoring JOE at their Annual Dinner Dance. They could not have picked a more deserving honoree.

JOE and I go way back, starting with our days together in Albany as Members of the New York State Assembly. A native of Woodside, Queens and lifelong New Yorker, JOE has served the people of the Bronx and Queens in Congress since 1998. Before being elected to Congress, JOE received a bachelor's degree from Queens College, ran a successful small business for nearly a decade and represented the 30th Assembly District in the New York State legislature. Throughout his career in public service, JOE has been driven by a desire to protect New York's middle class.

JOE has always been dedicated to making the Bronx-Queens community more prosperous and secure. He established the Crime Stoppers program in 2002 to support local organizations that are working to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods, and it has delivered more than \$1 million in federal funding to the Bronx-Queens community for graffiti clean-up, after-school programming, and civic patrol efforts.

As Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, the fourth-highest ranking position in House Democratic Leadership, JOE's efforts in Congress focused on building strong communities, creating jobs, increasing access to health care and housing, protecting seniors' hard-earned benefits, and opening up educational opportunities for working families.

When not fighting for his constituents, JOE can be found spending time with his lovely family—wife Kasey Crowley and their three children—or playing with his band.

Both local and national media have recognized JOE for his effective and impressive record of leadership in Congress. The New York Times has noted that his peers consider him to be a "hard working representative" who is "an impassioned advocate for his district." I couldn't have said it better myself. Come January I will miss JOE's presence in Washington, but I know he will continue to be a powerful force for good in the New York City community. Congratulations to JOE on this honor and a remarkable career.

HONORING THE LINCOLN PARK JEWISH CENTER 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 31, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate one of the great religious institutions in my district, the Lincoln Park Jewish Center located in Yonkers. This year, the Center is celebrating its remarkable 80th Anniversary and I would like to take the opportunity to recognize that feat in Congress.

Lincoln Park Jewish Center is an inclusive, modern Orthodox Jewish congregation that strives to create spiritual growth through prayer, acceptance, community and fellowship. To achieve this goal, the synagogue supports the following: HaMakom Tefilah, a place to increase spirituality with heartfelt prayer by encouraging personal growth through participation, self-reflection, and spontaneity; HaMakom Ahavat Chinam, unconditional love and acceptance, regardless of background or current level of observance; HaMakom Limud Torah, a place to search and study Torah leading to a more fulfilling Jewish life; and HaMakom Simcha, a place to enjoy and celebrate.

The congregation at Lincoln Park Jewish Center is currently led by Rabbi Levi Welton, who was ordained by the prestigious Machon Ariel Institute of Jerusalem in 2005 and has since then served congregations in Australia, San Francisco, and, of course, Yonkers New York. His pastoral experiences include young professional development, inter-faith work, community building and multimedia production. Additionally, Rabbi Welton is the Founder of the Torah Values Network, a staff writer for New York Jewish Life Magazine, and a Captain in the United States Air Force.

The Lincoln Park Jewish Center has provided incredible support to its congregants and the community for 80 years now. Here's to 80 more. Congratulations to Rabbi Welton and the entire Lincoln Park Jewish Center family on this great occasion.

HONORING DR. ANDREA CODDETT

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 31, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant in the Yonkers community, Dr. Andrea Coddett, who this year has been named "Woman of the Year 2018" by the Luther V. Garrison Sr. Masonic Foundation Inc.

Dr. Coddett is the Deputy Superintendent for the Yonkers Public Schools. In her role, she oversees the Division of Teaching and Learning, ensuring that all curriculum is aligned to the New York State Learning Standards and that all instruction is aligned to 21st Century learning skills, so students are prepared for college and or careers. As the Chairperson of the Yonkers Basics Advisory Board, Dr. Coddett leads a team of approximately 40 volunteer members from various community sectors charged with saturating the community

with five research-based interactive pillars proven effective in redressing cognitive and social-emotional inequities due to poverty.

Dr. Coddett began her career in education as a Special Education teacher after which she became a building-level Math Specialist. In her administrative career, Dr. Coddett has worked as a District Math Specialist PreK–12, an Early Childhood Principal, a K–5 principal, a Director of Secondary Special Education and an Assistant Superintendent for Instruction K–12.

Dr. Coddett is a graduate of Fordham University where she earned a doctorate in Executive Leadership. She holds Masters Degrees in Curriculum and Instruction with a Reading specialization and Educational Administration from Pace University and a Bachelor degree in Psychology from Mercy College. Dr. Coddett also holds administrative certifications in School District Administration and School Building Administration and Supervision, as well as teaching certifications in Special Education, birth through 21, and General Education, N–6. Dr. Coddett continues to influence school transformation and policy decisions by serving on Carnegie Foundation's national Improvement Leadership Education and Development (iLEAD) steering committee with university and school-based educators committed to integrating improvement science principles into leadership development and educational practice.

Having lived in and been educated in four different countries on three different continents, Dr. Coddett considers herself a global citizen. It is her contention that as an educational leader, she is one of the gate-keepers of tomorrow and believes that each and every child deserves an excellent education. As a former classroom teacher myself, I happen to agree wholeheartedly. Dr. Coddett has achieved a great deal and is well deserving of this honor. Congratulations to her on receiving this wonderful recognition.

HONORING CO-OP CITY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 31, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the largest co-operative housing development in the nation and a place that holds a particularly meaningful place in my heart, Co-op City in the Bronx. This year, Co-op City celebrates its 50th Anniversary and as such stands as one of the great housing successes in our country's history.

Co-op City is a New York State Mitchell-Lama housing cooperative with apartments in high-rise and townhouse buildings. There are three shopping centers on Co-op City property, 8 parking garages, professional offices and a complete educational park.

Construction of Co-op City began in 1966 on a site that was formerly home to an amusement park at which I used to work as a young man called "Freedomland." Residents began moving into the complex in 1968, and construction was completed in 1973. Co-op City is divided into five sections, with each section denoted by a letter of the alphabet. Co-op City is managed by the Riverbay Corporation and is led by a Board of 15 residents, each elected to three-year terms.